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SUBJ: MARITIME SATELLITES AND SOVIET VIEWS

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM JOHN WILBURFORCE OF BRITISH EMBASSY SAYING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CHECK ON ACCURACY OF SOME SOVIET COMMENTS REGARDING MARITIME SATELLITE TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY MARCH. ACCORDING TO WILBERFORCE SOME BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES PERHAPS HEADED BY JIMMY MELLON, WERE IN MOSCOW RECENTLY TO EXPLORE MARITIME SATELLITE QUESTION WITH SOVIETS. WILBERFORCE REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER FOR MERCHANT MARINE, AND ATSEROV, WHO LED THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON, TOLD BRITISH THAT U.S. HAS DROPPED ITS REQUIREMENT FOR TWO AGREEMENTS AND IS WILLING TO ACCEPT MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE 6 IN POE DRAFT CONVENTION. O'NEILL TOLD WILBERFORCE THAT SOVIET ACCOUNT WAS COMPLETELY AT ODDS WITH THE FACTS. DURING TALKS HERE U.S. STATED THAT WHILE IT WAS WILLING TO LISTEN TO SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS OF ARTICLE 6 LANGUAGE, AND DURING TALKS DID IN FACT GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO SOME SOVIET SUGGESTIONS, THE US FOUND THE SOVIET SUGGESTIONS DID NOT MEET US REQUIREMENT REGARDING RESPONSIBILITIES OF A DESIGNATED ENTITY.

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U.S. MADE IT QUITE CLEAR TO THE SOVIET SIDE, INCLUDING A FINAL

O'NEILL-ATSEROV EXCHANGE ON SOVIET'S LAST NIGHT IN WASHINGTON THAT IT REMAINED U.S. INTENTION TO SUBMIT THE TWO AGREEMENT PROPOSAL AT THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

2. WILBURFORCE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SOVIETS ALSO ALLEGED IN THEIR MOSCOW TALKS WITH THE BRITISH THAT U.S. HAD CHANGED ITS POSITION REGARDING POE ARTICLE 28 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT AND THAT IN SOVIET VIEW THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE A WITH SOME MINOR MODIFICATION. O'NEILL TOLD WILBURFORCE THAT THIS TOO WAS A DISTORTION OF U.S. POSITION AS STATED IN WASHINGTON TALKS. U.S. REMAINS CONVINCED THAT ALTERNATIVE B IS THE DESIRED ALTERNATIVE. U.S. POSITION AT LONDON WILL BE THAT INCLUSION OF THE PRINCIPLE EMBODIED IN ALTERNATIVE B IS MOST IMPORTANT IN ANY FINAL INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. U.S.DID INDICATE THAT IT HAD SOME FLEXIBILITY REGARDING POSSIBLE LANGUAGE OF ALTERNATIVE B, BUT AT NO POINT DID IT INDICATE ITS ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE A WITH OR WITHOUT ALTERATIONS, AS ALLEDGEDLY STATED BY THE SOVIETS RECENTLY IN MOSCOW.

3. WILBURFORCE, OBVIOUSLY, WILL BE REPORTING THIS CONVERSATION TO LONDON. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY LONDON BE AWARE OF THIS SOVIET ACTION AND REQUESTS THAT IT BE DISCUSSED WITH MELLON OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FCO OFFICIAL. DEPARTMENT IS DISTURBED THAT SOVIETS ARE DELIBERATELY DISTORTING U.S. VIEWS AND SUGGEST THAT BRITISH MAY WISH TO GO BACK TO SOVIETS AND POINT OUT THAT U.S. DISAGREES WITH ACCURACY OF SOVIET DESCRIPTION OF U.S. TALKS.

4. WILBURFORCE WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT WALDMANN AND O'NEILL WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE IN LONDON ON THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 20 AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT DOWN WITH MELLON ON MONDAY, APRIL 21. THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO MENTION THIS TO MELLON. SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL DEAL WITH OTHER MEETINGS IN LONDON THAT WALDMANN AND O'NEILL MAY UNDERTAKE IN TWO DAYS PRIOR TO CONFERENCE OPENNING.

5. DEPARTMENT IS SENDING SEPARATE MESSAGE RESPONDING TO LONDON'S 4737 REPORTING ON CONVERSATION WITH SEC GEN SRIVASTAVA REGARDING CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION. MESSAGE WILL REQUEST THAT EMBASSY SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT FOR WALDMAN WITH SRIVASTAVA FOR MONDAY
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MORNING. IT IS DESIRED THAT SRIVASTAVA'S APPOINTMENT BE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT WITH BRITISH REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE.
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